

## HUNTINGTON CREEK DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM ANNUAL MEETING

**FEBRUARY 22, 2010**

The annual meeting of the Huntington Creek Distribution System was called to order by Chairman Sherrel Ward at 4:00 p.m. Marc Stilson read the minutes from the 2009 meeting. Minor corrections were made to the minutes. A motion was made by Craig Johansen and seconded by Darce Guymon, to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion passed.

The next item of business to come before the water users was the Commissioner's Report, which was given by Commissioner Brett Leamaster. He indicated that water distribution for 2009 was at full allocation. Runoff started around the first of May. The upper reservoirs all spilled which carried the system until the first week of July. At the conclusion of the water season, upper reservoirs on the Left Hand Fork contained around 7,500 acre-feet of usable storage. Millers Flat reservoir was drained this year to stabilize a slide area below the left groin of the dam, construct a berm on the downstream toe and extend the outlet pipe. Work continues on HCIC's pressurized sprinkler irrigation system.

Jacob Sharp noted that the column heading on page thirteen of the report showing water volume in millions of gallons should just read gallons. It was also noted that meters on the pipeline from Huntington-North reservoir need to be replaced and possibly moved to a new location. Currently the SNOTEL sites show Seely Creek at 79%, Red Pine Ridge at 60%, Mammoth-Cottonwood at 69% and Buck Flat at 72%. A motion was made by Craig Johansen and seconded by Ted Curtis, to accept the Commissioner's Report. The motion passed.

Mr. Lee Sim informed the water users that Brett Leamaster's 4-year term as River Commissioner was over and that the position of River Commissioner needed to be filled. The Committee recommended that Brett remain as River Commissioner for another term. Craig Johansen nominated Brett to another 4-year term. Darce Guymon seconded the motion. The motion passed. Commissioner Leamaster was appointed to another 4-year term.

A report from the Division of Water Rights was next on the agenda. Mr. Lee Sim discussed some of the proposed water and irrigation legislation currently before the state legislature. A bill providing a property tax exemption for water facilities is being considered along with a bill dealing with canal safety. Another bill provides for the collection of rainwater in small amounts without obtaining a water right. There is also a bill being considered that would provide restrictions on a water company's denial of a shareholder's change request. Sue Odekirk thanked Brett for his work on the distribution system over the past year.

Mr. Ward requested that Lee review the 2009 Financial Statement. Lee indicated that on January 1, 2009, there was \$14,532.04 in the Trust Account. Receipts for the year totaled \$24,454.33, which included \$24,400.00 in regular assessments, \$13.25 in delinquent penalties, and \$41.08 in interest. Expenditures for the year totaled \$30,325.91. The State of Utah had difficulties getting the River Commissioner on the retirement system and \$6,956.50 of the total expenditures was a retroactive payment into the Utah Retirement System to cover the past three years. The ending

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balance as of December 31, 2009 in the trust account was \$8,660.46. There are no delinquent accounts. Ted Curtis made a motion to accept the Financial Statement. Jay Humphrey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Ward indicated that the next item of business was the preparation of a budget for 2010. After some discussion, the following budget was prepared:

Commissioner's Salary	\$ 15,000.00
Social Security	\$ 1,148.00
Retirement	\$ 2,360.00
Travel Expense	\$ 3,500.00
State Engineer's Assessment	\$ 1,590.00
Insurance	\$ 200.00
Annual Report	\$ 200.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 500.00
Total	\$ 24,498.00

Craig Johansen made a motion to accept the budget as proposed. Earl Fillmore seconded the motion. The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Craig Johansen made a motion to set the assessment at \$24,500. Jacob Sharp seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Chairman Ward indicated the next item on the agenda was organizing the distribution committee. Mr. Ward indicated he would not be serving as president of HCIC in 2010 and a new president has not yet been selected. The Bear Canyon Mine has new owners and Mr. Mark Reynolds may not be available to represent the upper water users. Darrel Leamaster has retired and Mr. Jacob Sharp is the new District Manager for Castle Valley Special Service District. The committee decided to wait until a new HCIC president has been chosen before appointing a chairman. The committee also decided to wait on appointment of a representative for the upper users. After some discussion, the following committee was proposed:

TBA	Chairman, HCIC
Darce Guyman	Vice Chairman/Industrial Representative
Craig Johansen	Committee Member/Lower Users
TBA	Committee Member/Upper Users
Jacob Sharp	Municipal Representative

Craig Johansen made the motion to accept the proposed committee. Earl Fillmore seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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Mr. Johansen brought up a concern with HCIC filling reservoirs during the irrigation season. Mr. Johansen believes some junior storage rights are being filled ahead of his more senior direct flow right. Mr. Johansen, HCIC and PacifiCorp have been in negotiations since 2007 regarding the matter. Mr. Johansen indicated that negotiations have stalled and requested the Division to investigate the matter for 2010 to ensure water rights are filled in priority. A concern was also raised concerning the measuring flumes on Avery Ditch and Brasher Ditch. Both flumes are in poor condition and need to be repaired or replaced.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:15 p.m.

Those present at the meeting included the following:

Sherrel Ward	Chairman / Huntington-Cleveland Irrigation
Brett Leamaster	Huntington River Commissioner
Jay Humphrey	Emery Water Conservancy District
Earl Fillmore	Emery Water Conservancy District
Lee McElprang	HCIC
Ted Curtis	HCIC
Craig Johansen	Lower Huntington Creek Water Users
Jacob Sharp	Castle Valley Special Service District
Cody Allred	PacifiCorp
Darce Guymon	PacifiCorp
Gary Kofford	Emery County Commissioner
Marc Stilson	Division of Water Rights
Lee Sim	Division of Water Rights
Sue Odekirk	Division of Water Rights